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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

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The invention will now be described in greater detail and illustrated by examples, but in a non-limiting manner, with regard to the appended drawing figure which shows in perspective, schematically, a masking device for a flat-screen colour-display cathode-ray tube.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The masking device for a flat-screen colour-display cathode-ray tube shown in the drawing figure comprises a shadow mask 1 consisting of a foil perforated by a plurality of holes 2, and a support frame 3 having lateral uprights 4 (only one of which can be seen in the figure) and end uprights 5 and 5'. The shadow mask 1 is fixed, for example by welding, to the upper edges 6 and 6' of the end uprights 5 and 5'.

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During the mounting operation, the support frame 3 is subjected to compressive forces (small arrows in the drawing figure) intended to induce an elastic deformation which reduces the distance separating the end uprights 5 and 5', and the shadow mask is subjected to tensile forces (large arrows in the drawing figure) intended to induce an elongational elastic deformation. The shadow mask is then attached to the support frame by welding and the compressive and tensile forces are released. However, elastic deformations of the support frame and of the shadow mask subsist, so that the shadow mask remains under tension.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Amended) A masking device for a flat-screen colour-display cathode-ray tube, of the type comprising a support frame for a tensioned shadow mask and a tensioned shadow mask